(c) whether any other State Government has also made similar request, if so, the decision on the Maharashtra Government's request?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIM. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a)The SGRYhas been launched w.e.f. 25th September 2001 to generate additional wage employment, to provide food security and for creation of village infrastructure in the rural areas. There is no provision for foodgrains allocated under the SGRY to be used under the EGS.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Similar request from any other State has not been received. Request of the State Government of Maharashtra has not been agreed to.

States failing to pick up money from Ministry for sanctioned programmes

727. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many States are failing to pick up their sanctioned money from the Ministry for programmes such as Employment Assurance Scheme, IAY, Jawahar Gram Swarojgar Yojana, Rural Water Supply Scheme etc. during the last few years;

(b) if so, the details of States and programmes under which they failed to pick up their money, State-wise; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to release the funds to States and in what manner?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The details of allocations and releases made by the Ministry of Rural Development to States under the allocation based programmes of the ministry, namely, the Employment Assurance Schemes (EAS), the Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY), the Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana (JGSY), the Swamjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY), the National Old Age Pension Scheme (NOAPS), the National Family Benefit Scheme (NFBS), the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) and the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) during the last three years are given in the Statement at Annexure [See Appendix 195,AnnexureNo. 11].

(c) The Ministry of Rural Development have been continuously reviewing the implementation of the Programmes in different parts of the country, at various levels, including through field visits and discussions with the State Chief Ministers from time to time. It has been impressed upon the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations to ensure effective and quicker implementation of the Programmes, as also full utilisation of the available funds.

Funds allocated and achievements made under JGSY

728. SHRIPARMESHWAR KUMARAGARWALLA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated and achievements made under Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana (JGSY) during the last two years, State-wise;

(b) whether the targets fixed for Jharkhand State have been achieved;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government have monitored the implementation of the schemes;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether cases of misutilisation of funds have come to the notice of Government;

(g) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(h) the remedial action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) The details of State-wise allocation of funds, physical and financial achievements under the Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana (JGSY) during 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 are given in the Annexure. [See Appendix 195,AnnexureNo. 12].

{b) and (c) It is a Scheme for village infrastructure, to be decided by the Gram Panchayat, as per the felt needs of the community, after the approval of the Gram Sabha. Accordingly, the Scheme has no set targets.